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REMARKS


This Amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office action dated March 20, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and remarks to follow is respectfully requested.

In response to the Restriction and Election Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-14 (Species I), and therefore withdraw, without prejudice, claims 15-18 (Species II). Applicants respectfully reserve their right to add back the subject matter of claims 15-18 and/or file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter therein.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance, and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

However, if any questions remain, or it is deemed that the foregoing does not fully comply with the requirements set forth in the Office action, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that any issues can be resolved prior to the issuance of a subsequent Office action.

Respectfully submitted,


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